

## **Information seeking and information needs of short and long-term cancer survivors: Comparison of strategies across the continuum**

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In the HINTS population there are 763 persons who report having had a cancer diagnosis. This presents a unique opportunity for us to assess their health information seeking patterns, experiences, and cancer information needs. This paper will focus only on cancer survivors in the sample. We are interested in several issues with this sample. If they have looked for cancer information by themselves or by proxy in the past, where they looked for it, the type of information they were seeking, their trust about cancer information from different sources and the ease with which they found it. We intend to analyze these variables looking at differences by time since diagnosis (less than 1 year, 2-5 years, 6-10 years, 10 years +) to determine how cancer information seeking, trust and needs change over time.

Variables to be used in this analysis include –

CH-1, CH-2 and CH-3 to determine cancer history

And HC-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19

HC-19 has been converted to a scale by N. Arora and will be analyzed as one value characterizing their cancer information searching experience.

HC-14 open-ended has been coded to 8 categories by L. Finney Rutten and L. Squiers and will be analyzed using these 8 categories of needs.